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1942 CONFERENCE—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER 22, 23, 24

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Dues for 1942 are now payable. This year, more than ever, membership dues are vital to continuance of the activities of the Association—activities which, it should be borne in mind, pay a direct dividend to every library employee in the state.

Regular annual dues are $1.00; sustaining memberships are $10.00.

Dues may be paid to the Membership Committee representative of your library. If your library has no representative, send your money directly or through your librarian to Miss Frances Nunmaker, Membership Chairman, Ohio Library Association, Ohio State Library, Columbus, Ohio. *Do not send your money directly to the Treasurer.* This year the Association is trying a new plan of collecting membership dues. Under this arrangement all dues should be handed to the Membership Committee representative in your library, or sent to the chairman of the Membership Committee at Columbus.

Membership Committee representatives are the following:

Akron Public Library	Gertrude M. Kahne
Ashtabula Public Library	Ethel J. McDowell
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Bowling Green State University	Margaret Yocom
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Columbus Public Library	Blanche C. Roberts
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East Cleveland Public Library	M. Irene Beatty
Kent State University Library	Margaret Dunbar
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Massillon Public Library	Helen C. Nill
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THE 1941 CONFERENCE

By Paul Bixler, Secretary 1940-1941

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Ohio Library Association was held, October 16-18, in Toledo, with headquarters at the Commodore Perry Hotel. One of the leading attractions was the new building of the Toledo Public Library. Meeting with the Association were the Ohio Library Trustees Association, the Citizens Library Committee of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Hospital Librarians, the Special Libraries Association, Ohio chapters. There was an official registration of 649, an unofficial registration of 675.

Democracy, and education for defense and for the peace were the topics of the general sessions. President Charles H. Brown of the American Library Association led off with discussion of the present national emergency and suggested a short reading list covering not only the war against Hitler but preparation for peace. Other speakers were Professor Philip Jordan of Miami, "American Song and Humor as an Expression of Democracy"; Mrs. Alberta Pierson Hannum, "The Re-enchanted, a Folk History of the Southern Highland Region"; Walter Havighurst, "A Nation's Memory, a Source of Unity in Time of Crisis."

Social events included an evening reception at the Toledo Public Library followed by square dancing in the library's spacious Central Hall; a tea for women members of the Association at the Toledo Museum of Art; a smoker for men in the Presidential Suite at the Hotel Commodore Perry; and the Convention banquet. At the banquet Dr. Carroll Sibley, Dean of the Los Angeles College of Arts and Letters, spoke on "Celebrities and Salubrities You Should Know."

At the final business session resolutions were passed urging librarians to support their local Adult Education groups in education for defense and in study of post-war problems, and asking the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association to promote, if it seemed necessary, a separate Federal Aid to Libraries bill to substitute for the library section of the languishing Federal Aid to Education bill.

SOME NOTES FROM THE A. L. A. MID-WINTER MEETING

The A. L. A. mid-winter meeting in Chicago, just past, reflected the spirit of people all over the country in response to the reality of war. There was a stir of reveille and tenseness in the assembly hall when President Brown, quietly and in measured words, sounded the dominant note of all the discussions: We are in a state of grave emergency and all our efforts are aimed toward the common cause.

The entire program was handled with dispatch and vigor. Since time was limited, each speaker was compelled to present his message briefly and concisely. The effect was one of force and efficiency of thought, and of dynamic action behind the thought.

Some of the highlights included statements of the absolute necessity for more books, more timely information, more service from every individual staff member of every library. The library as the intelligence center of each community is charged with the all-important responsibility of building and maintaining high civilian morale. Camp libraries were briefly described, and the importance of books for men in service was proved through anecdote and testimony.

In the national scheme, library materials and staffs are to be considered as equipment whenever and wherever necessary. A "blue-print" of library plans for post-war world reconstruction is part of the outlook towards the future.

The Drake Hotel where meetings were held offered spacious accommodations. Guests from out-of-town received a chilly reception from the bitter Lake Michigan wind but there was warmth and exhilaration in the vital pulse of Chicago, and the canyoned avenues were gay with the holiday cheer of bright Christmas trees.—From *News and Views*, Cleveland Public Library.

Executive Secretary Appointed

At the first Executive Board meeting held in Columbus on November 26, 1941, it was voted to appoint Miss Frances G. Nunmaker, Ohio State Library, as O. L. A. executive secretary for the calendar year 1942. Among her duties will be that of Membership Chairman in which capacity she will head the membership representatives in the libraries of the state, will receive dues and forward them to the treasurer, and will carry on a continuous campaign for new memberships. She will endeavor to keep the membership file and the O. L. A. mailing list strictly up-to-date. Changes of address should be sent to her promptly.

LIBRARY COOPERATION DISCUSSED

Upon the invitation of Mr. Earl N. Manchester, some fifty public and college librarians met on the campus of the Ohio State University on December 10 to discuss with Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, Director of the Experimental Division of Library Cooperation of the Library of Congress, the suggestions made in his *Memoranda on Library Cooperation*, published last September. There was a morning and an afternoon session with luncheon at the University Faculty Club.

Among the topics discussed were:

the National Union Catalog in the Library of Congress, and other regional, state, and local union catalogs.

various copying processes to bring research materials within the reach of all scholars, with particular emphasis on the need of a central agency of information on documentary reproduction.

more simplified cataloging to speed up the use as well as to cut down the cost of books for libraries (this caused spirited comments).

a laboratory experiment on public use of the catalog to ascertain in so far as possible the need for full bibliographical information on Library of Congress cards.

centralized cataloging on a large scale.

need for subject bibliographies which evaluate, for the use of both librarians and collectors.

cooperative buying.

the feasibility of sending duplicates and other unused material to other places where they might be of use and the possibility of a central storehouse with staff to handle the distribution as against the use of exchange lists.

the disposition of gifts, with the particular suggestion of the transferring of a "dead" gift collection, with no funds to add to it and no great interest for the library receiving it, to a library which could make good use of it.

the compilation of a complete list of special collections in the libraries throughout the country to be kept at the Library of Congress, the data for this to be secured through a questionnaire to libraries.

Mr. Manchester deserves a vote of thanks for arranging this worthwhile conference on so short notice. He was a gracious host and a fine chairman. The meetings were informal and everyone felt free to take part in the discussions.

Mr. Kellar brought to the Ohio meeting the experience accumlated from conferences he had held in the other states. He gave those present much to think about. All left this one-day gathering with a feeling that the Library of Congress is now going "all out" to help other libraries of the country give their best service.

The 1942 Annual Conference

Date—October 22, 23, 24, 1942.

Place—Columbus, Ohio.

Headquarters—The Neil House.

The suburban librarians of Columbus have kindly consented to assume the responsibilities of the local arrangements, with Mrs. Sarah H. Bilby, Bexley Public Library, as the convention committee chairman.

Mr. Richard Fisher of the Ohio State Library will have charge of exhibits.

Plans for the 1942 convention are in process of formation. Suggestions for the program or for any part of the three-day conference will be welcomed by your officers and by the local convention committee.

Junior Members

The Junior Members Round Table is engaged in organizing and developing as its state-wide project for the year the revision of the *Classified Directory of Personnel of the Libraries in the State of Ohio*, compiled in 1936 by the Classified Directory Committee of the Ohio Library Association, under the chairmanship of Miss Marion M. King. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board of the Ohio Library Association, the new revision will be arranged geographically and will be provided with a personal index. Every effort will be made to contact all school, public, college, university and special libraries in the state and to secure complete personnel lists. Especially important is the need for a complete directory of the librarians of the state at this time, in view of the defense efforts in which we are engaged. The cooperation of the librarians of the state will be appreciated. Queries or suggestions may be addressed to the Chairman of the Junior Members Round Table, Miss Lillian Van Harlingen, Ohio State University Library, Columbus, Ohio.

LIBRARIES AS CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTERS

Governor Bricker invited the O. L. A. president to represent Ohio libraries on the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests of the Ohio State Council of Defense, which is under the chairmanship of Margaret Mahoney, member of the State House of Representatives. The first meeting of the committee was held in Columbus on December 5 with about thirty members present. The committee is to be concerned with consumer interest in its broad sense, with the general problems of income and living standards, including such things as consumer buying, security, welfare, nutrition, and housing. The state committee will promote the organization of local consumer defense committees and will coordinate such of their activities as relate to matters not purely local.

Librarians of Ohio are requested to take a definite part in consumer activities in their communities by providing books, pamphlets, and magazines on every phase of consumer interest and by making these easily available on their shelves; by featuring such material in exhibits and on reading lists; by serving on local consumer committees; by organizing and participating in discussion groups on consumer problems and by opening their library facilities to such groups.

District Meetings

Mrs. Dorothy G. Foutts, Ravenna Public Library, chairman of the Extension Committee, is beginning to line up dates, locations, and speakers for the spring meetings. If you are asked to be a host or hostess, a program chairman, or a speaker, do not hesitate to respond to the call. Full data on the spring district meetings will appear in the next *Bulletin*. Tentative dates have been set as follows: April 29 and 30, May 6 and 7, May 13 and 14.

O. L. A. to O. L. T. A.

Congratulations to the Ohio Library Trustees Association on the January number of its publication, *The Ohio Library Trustee*, with attractive new format and considerably expanded content. We shall await further issues with great interest.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

October 15, 1941—December 31, 1941

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand, annual report, October 15, 1941	$1,667.77
Memberships	142.00
Exhibits and Local Committee, Toledo Convention	803.32
Miscellaneous	10.00
	$2,623.09
EXPENDITURES	
Toledo Convention	$ 697.60
President's Office	10.00
Treasurer's Office	10.00
Executive Committee	54.84
Legislative Committee	100.00
Adult Education Committee	87.95
O. L. A. Bulletin	40.80
Clipping Service for Ohio State Library	15.00
	$1,016.19
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1941	1,606.90
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:	
Columbian Building & Loan Company, Columbus	$ 115.03
Washington County Savings Loan & Bldg., Marietta	373.03
Toledo Trust Company, Toledo	1,118.84
	$1,606.90

News from the State Library

Mr. Paul A. T. Noon, State Librarian, has a message as state director of the Victory Book Campaign:

Members of the Ohio Library Association will want to do everything possible to make Ohio conspicuously successful in the nation-wide Victory Book Campaign.

Aside from the natural choice of librarians where projects dealing with books are concerned, there are considerations which make it highly desirable that librarians do all they can in a campaign of this kind. Their patriotic duty is paramount, of course—and in this case doubly so—because here their patriotic duty is also their library duty. It is not often that an opportunity arises which enables librarians to contribute so forcefully and directly to the strength and morale of our nation. Now, librarians working together in all parts of the state can make a deep and unified impression of the vital role of libraries in the Ohio scene. Without question, a systematic and effective campaign, directed and administered by librarians, will do much to strengthen generally the position of libraries throughout the entire state.

As this *O. L. A. Bulletin* goes to press it is too early to estimate what has been accomplished so far in the Victory Book Campaign. While the nation-wide drive began January 12 and Ohio joined in that date, yet the campaign in our state will receive concentrated attention from February 1 to March 1.

Hard work lies ahead of us. We know that. But, with every library worker actively interested or engaged in the Victory Book Campaign, we feel assured that our efforts in this drive will have notable results.

Mr. Rowland Peters, editor of the *Telegraph-Forum* (Bucyrus, Ohio), was appointed a member of the Ohio State Library Board for an eight-year term, ending October 20, 1949.

Certification Committee Notes

The Indiana legislature passed a bill for the certification of librarians in 1941, bringing the list of states which require librarians in public libraries to hold certificates up to nineteen.

In addition, ten states have a voluntary plan of certification by state library associations.

Thus, twenty-nine of the forty-eight states have some form of certification for librarians in public libraries.

Ohio appears only in the list of states where school librarians are certified by state departments of education.

Michigan librarians are working on a certification bill which they hope to present at a favorable time.

The Ohio certification bill has been revised thoroughly by committees during the last two years and is being held in readiness for presentation. It needs your support and interest at all times.

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